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nothing to do with the hostel, I find from the statement showing the resolutions passed by the House Committee during the ninth session of the Council, which has been placed on the table of the House, that almost every resolution refers to the hostel."

SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" The Government have constituted a separate Advisory Committee for the hostel. Before the constitution of this Committee, the House Committee was in charge of the arrangements in the hostel and it did very useful work. Now the Advisory Committee has taken up the work and the House Committee has nothing to do with it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" My own view is that the House Committee is supposed to arrange for the convenience of Members inside the premises and that is why it is called a House Committee. Perhaps it might have looked after the hostel work before the formation of a separate Advisory Committee for the hostel. As a matter of fact, the hostel is not within the purview of the House Committee."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In view of the discussion, may I have an assurance from the Government that they will provide sufficient accommodation for the Members? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I myself have been feeling that there is no sufficient accommodation for the hon. Members. I have been obliging a number of them by allowing them to sit in my room. I think it is necessary that some place must be set apart where the Members can relax and spend their time when there is no work in the House. This deserves the serious attention of the Government."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to inform the House that, in accordance with the regulations framed by me under rule 143 of the Madras Council Rules for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 3 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th November 1949, as the time within which nomination of candidates for election to the House Committee should reach the Secretary. There will be an election on a date to be announced in due course if the number of candidates nominated exceeds six." .

(2) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Mr. President, Sir, I move—

'*that as the term of the Local Advisory Committee of the South Indian Railway has expired on the 31st October 1949 and the committee has to be reconstituted in November 1949, and as the General Manager, South Indian Railway, has requested the Government to communicate to him the names of the members to represent the Madras*

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Legislative Assembly and the Madras Legislative Council on the committee for the next term commencing from November 1949, *this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the South Indian Railway the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on the committee for a period of two years from* 1st *November* 1949 '."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question is—

'That as the term of the Local Advisory Committee of the South Indian Railway has expired on the 31st October 1949 and the committee has to be reconstituted in November 1949, and as the General Manager, South Indian Railway, has requested the Government to communicate to him the names of the members to represent the Madras Legislative Assembly and the Madras Legislative Council on the committee for the next term commencing from November 1949, this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the South Indian Railway the name of one person elected by this Council to serve on the committee for a period of two years from 1st November 1949 '."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" With reference to the motion of the Hon. Minister for Public Works regarding the election of one Member of this Council to the Local Advisory Committee of the South Indian Railway passed by the Council just now, I am to state that the nominations should be handed over to the Secretary before 3 p.m. on Wednesday the 16th November 1949. The nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary. There will be an election on a date to be announced in due course, if the number of candidates nominated exceeds one. The election will be by the ordinary method and not by means of the single transferable vote."

(3) INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE GUARANTEE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF DEBENTURES ISSUED BY THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE CENTRAL LAND MORTGAGE BANK, LTD.

THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Sir, I move—

'*This Council recommends to the Provincial Government that they may under sub-section* (2) *of section* 6 *of the Madras Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks Act*, 1934, *increase the maximum amount of the guarantee given by them in respect of the debentures issued by the Madras Co-operative Central Land Mortgage Bank, Ltd., up to a total face value of Rs.* 550 *lakhs exclusive of such debentures as the bank may from time to time redeem, such debentures being issued for periods not exceeding in any case* 25 *years from the date of issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding* 5 *per cent per annum*.'

" Before I go into the reasons for increasing the amount of the guarantee, I would like to place before the House the financial